



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Township News



Township Installs Wellness Checkpoints

The Woodlands Township has reopened several offices to the public and new temperature-screening kiosks have been installed in several Township facilities. Members of the public as well as employees will be required to be screened prior to entering. [Read the full press release](#) and [view video of Chairman Bunch](#) at The Woodlands Township Townhall wellness checkpoint.

County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count October 20, 2020

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is saddened to confirm an additional death related to COVID-19.

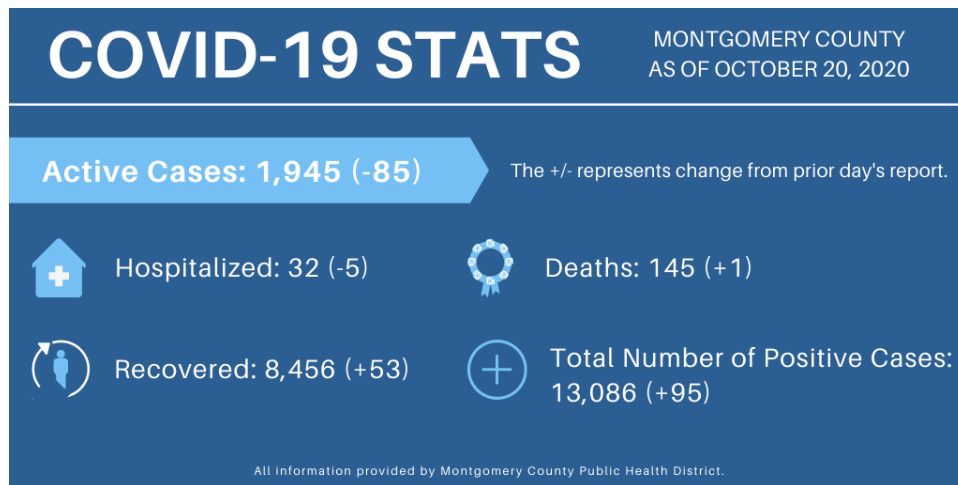
- A man in his 60s, from Porter, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

They can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 95 to 13,086 since yesterday's (10/19) report. All cases were tested in the month of October.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 85 to 1,945 since yesterday's (10/19) report. On Tuesdays, they factor in cases as "inactive" who they have been unable to contact for more than 30 days. This accounts for an additional 126 inactive cases today.

- 32 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 8,456 people have clinically recovered.

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. Antibody testing results are not included. Have questions? Please go to <https://mcphd-tx.org/> and scroll down to the FAQs.



You can find more information on the [SETRAC website](#).

Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- If your children have started in-person school, teach them proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask. Encourage them to never share masks with others.
- Consider staying home unless it is necessary to leave your home.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask (if it is necessary to leave your home).
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website [here](#). You can refer to the dashboard [here](#).

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, [here](#). Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County.

Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 1,295 confirmed positive cases with 88 active cases, and 77389 has 672 confirmed positive cases with 40 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department
As of Tuesday, October 20, 2020, + or – signifies change since previous report.

Montgomery County

13,086 – Confirmed, +95 (All tested in October)
1,945 – Active Cases, -85
145 – Deaths, +1
8,456 – Recovered, +53
32 – Hospitalized, -5

Harris County

74,335 – Confirmed, +248
3,663 – Active Cases, +66
849 – Deaths, +2
69,816 – Recovered, +180



Get Tested for COVID-19

Montgomery County residents may sign up online for Free COVID-19 testing at <https://www.mchd-tx.org>. Call 936-523-3916 for more information.

Harris County residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

State and National News

Governor Announces COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Schools

On October 14, Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announced the creation of a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems. This program will help schools conduct rapid

tests of district employees and students — with the written permission of their parents — to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campuses. Through this pilot program, TDEM will provide participating school systems with COVID-19 rapid antigen tests that will be administered to students, teachers, and staff who choose to participate. [Read the full press release.](#)



FBI Warns of Potential Charity Fraud Associated with COVID-19

Many Americans want to help during the COVID-19 pandemic by contributing to charities, but the FBI is warning that scammers also want to help—they want to help themselves to your money. Be careful about giving money to any charity calling you for donations and be wary if you get a call about a donation pledge that you don't remember making. [Read the full press release.](#)



Steps to Take During Halloween and Other Halloween Activities

Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or influenza. Take steps to protect yourself from getting or spreading COVID-19 such as, wearing a cloth mask, while indoors and outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. [Read more from the CDC.](#)



The Federal Trade Commission Chairman is Not Writing to You

If you saw an email from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chairman Joseph Simons, it wasn't. From him, that is. Scammers pretending to be him are emailing, though. If you get an email from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission about getting money because of an inheritance or relief funds related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic — or anything else — do not respond. [Read the full article.](#)



It's a Good Time to Get Your Flu Vaccine

While the United States remains focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to also be aware of flu season as we approach winter. Flu viruses typically spread in fall and winter, with activity peaking between December and February. Getting vaccinated now can lower your chances of getting the flu.

Flu (influenza) is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. The flu vaccines approved by the FDA provide important benefits and are your best defense from flu and its potential complications. [Learn more from the FDA.](#)



Travel Confidently this Fall

A healthy and safe travel experience is a shared responsibility. When we all do our part, we can all #TravelConfidently. Join travel businesses across the industry and commit to doing your part to provide a safe travel experience. Watch a short [video on traveling safely](#) during the pandemic and learn more from the [U.S. Travel Association](#).

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the [Community Resources webpage](#) to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

Serving Montgomery County

Community Assistance Center Saturday Market

The Montgomery County Community Assistance Center, along with the Montgomery County Foodbank and Interfaith Community Clinic, will host a Saturday Market on October 31, 2020, beginning at 8 a.m. The market is located at 1022 McCall Ave. and includes free flu shots and groceries, while supplies last. For more information, please visit their [website](#).



Keep Up with Best Practices During the Pandemic at CDC.GOV

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 eNewsletter

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 (Coronavirus) informational newsletter will now be published every Tuesday and Thursday and as needed. [Manage your notifications and subscriptions](#).



Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.

Stay Informed with The Woodlands Township

Sign up for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. During a weather-related event, additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency.

Outdoor Halloween Activities

Go on an outdoor Halloween-themed scavenger hunt.

Visit a pumpkin patch or orchard. Remember to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, especially after touching frequently touched surfaces, pumpkins, or apples.

Go to a one-way, walk-through haunted forest or corn maze.



The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.